

University Scholarship Policy 2026-2027 Honors College Entering Scholarship Policy

This policy applies to Schedler Honors College and Schedler Honors Program scholarships awarded to students entering the program following graduation from high school.

Eligibility:

- To be eligible for scholarship consideration, students must:
 - Submit required documentation to the Office of Admissions and Enrollment Services by:
 - January 26, 2026
 - Have a completed application to the Schedler Honors College and/or Schedler Honors Program on file by the scholarship deadline;
 - Be a UCA first-time entering undergraduate;
 - Have a minimum 3.75 high school GPA on a 6th or 7th semester transcript;
 - If a student is graduating high school early, a 4th or 5th semester transcript will be considered.
 - Have satisfied all remediation requirements;
 - Be a U.S. Citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- Applications will be evaluated by a committee of Schedler Honors faculty and administrators. Selected applicants to the Schedler Honors College and Schedler Honors Program will be invited for on-campus interviews.
- Award decisions are based on the applicant's academic record (including recommendation letters and essays), Honors College faculty and administrative review, and evaluation of the applicant's performance during the on-campus interview, if applicable.
- Schedler Honors College awards are limited to 80 students and Schedler Honors Program awards are limited to 40 students. Applicants designated as alternates may receive an award offer if/when slots become available.

Deadline:

- **Scholarship Deadline: January 26, 2026**
- Scholarship Acceptance Deadline: April 1, 2026

Award Requirements:

- Students are required to accept the scholarship offer by the scholarship acceptance deadline. Students who fail to respond to the scholarship offer by the acceptance deadline will forfeit the offer and the scholarship will be deemed as declined.
- Schedler Honors College and Schedler Honors Program scholarships are for the duration of eight consecutive fall and spring semesters or through the completion of a bachelor's degree, whichever occurs first.
- Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 15 UCA credit hours as of 4:30pm on the 8th class day each fall and spring semester during the term of their scholarship.
- Students must maintain good academic standing as defined by the current UCA Undergraduate Bulletin during the term of their scholarship.
- **Students must enroll in an honors course every semester as required by their honors program curriculum in order to remain eligible.**

Renewal Requirements:

- To renew the scholarship, students must:
 - Year one (Fall to Spring)
Earn a minimum of 11 UCA credit hours with a minimum 2.50 UCA cumulative undergraduate GPA.
 - Year one (Spring to Fall)
Earn a minimum of 27 UCA credit hours (Fall/Spring combined) with a minimum 3.25 UCA cumulative undergraduate GPA.
 - Year two and after (Fall to Spring)
Earn a minimum of 11 UCA undergraduate credit hours with a minimum 3.25 UCA cumulative undergraduate GPA.
 - Year two and after (Spring to Fall)
Earn a minimum of 30 UCA undergraduate credit hours (Fall/Spring combined) 3.25 cumulative undergraduate GPA.
- **At the end of the second year, upon completion of the Honors Core, students must have a 3.25 cumulative undergraduate GPA and a 3.5 in honors classes to remain in good standing and continue into the upper-division honors courses. Students who do not meet this criteria will be dismissed from the program and will not be eligible for their honors scholarships.**
- If requirements have been completed at the end of the Spring semester, the scholarship will renew at that time.
- Students who do not meet renewal requirements at the end of the spring semester must have attempted hours in one of the following terms: May Intersession, 13-week Summer Session, 10-week Summer Session, 8-week Summer Session, Summer I, or Summer II prior to submitting an exception request. Please refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin for more information on what counts as attempted hours.
- Scholarship renewal criterion is based on UCA undergraduate and transition credit hours only.
- Students must have successfully completed any remediation requirements as outlined in the UCA Undergraduate Bulletin before renewing the scholarship to Year two.
- Any student who earns an incomplete (I) grade(s) must have the grade(s) resolved according to the Incomplete Grade Policy and meet renewal requirements for the scholarship to renew. Otherwise, an exception request must be submitted in accordance with the Exception Policy.

Disclosures:

- There will be no reinstatement of a lost scholarship.
- Costs associated with Summer Courses are not covered by academic scholarships.
- The hours and grades/credits associated with Graduate and Intensive English Program courses are not considered in scholarship renewal or disbursement.
- Academic scholarships will only apply to charges for in-state tuition, housing and food (formerly “room and board”), and mandatory fees directly assessed by the University except for approved programs through the UCA Office of Education Abroad and National Student Exchange. For such programs, the scholarship may be applied only to actual tuition and mandatory fees assessed.
- Students must live in University honors housing to receive the private room upgrade scholarship award (if applicable) and therefore the annual total award.
- Exceptions to this policy can be found at <https://uca.edu/scholarships/policies/>.